

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND ITS CAPITAL.

REPUBLICANS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Leaders Hold Conference With Their Populist Allies.

WEAKEST CARD EVER PLAYED

Chairman Simmons Announces Democratic Mass Meetings and Speaking—Negroes Leaving For the North—An Interesting Case at Durham—A Negro Exhorted and Then Murdered—Young Lady Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 31.—A conference of Republican and Populist leaders was held last night, which was attended by the State chairman of both parties and politicians high up in the party ranks. Chairman A. E. Holton of the Republican State Executive Committee and Chairman Cyrus Thompson of the Populist State Executive Committee were in conference earlier in the day.

At a meeting last night State Treasurer Worth, one of the High Priests of Populism; Collector E. C. Duncan, the distributor of McKinley patronage in Eastern Carolina; United States Marshal H. C. Dockery and other fusion luminaries loaned their presence.

The helplessness of the fight against the constitutional amendment was the principal subject of discussion. The fusion leaders are beginning to realize that the opposition to the amendment is the weakest card ever played in politics in North Carolina.

The fact has developed in the past few days that eastern white Republicans have no heart in the fight against the amendment, and many of them are said to be on the verge of revolt. A well-known Republican, who stands high in Republican councils, said yesterday that there would be a big fight in the Republican State Convention on the question of declaring against the amendment. This Republican is authority for the statement that he Republican leaders have just come to realize that such conditions exist.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING. State Chairman Simmons has arranged the dates for the first ten speaking engagements when the Democratic candidates on the State ticket will open the campaign. The times and places are as follows:

Burlington, April 16th.
Winston, April 17th.
Greensboro, April 17th (night).
Hickory, April 18th.
Asheville, April 19th.
Murphy, April 21st.
Bryson City, April 23rd.
Waynesville, April 24th.
Marion, April 25th.
Shelby, April 26th.

The dates at Charlotte, Fayetteville and Rocky Mount will be announced later.

SERVANTS WANTED. A New York labor bureau has placed orders here for the employment of an unlimited number of negro cooks, house servants, etc., and it is said, wants as many as 1,000 of each sex. Cooks are leaving daily. There is in effect an exodus, some white people do not like the exodus, others hail it with joy and would rejoice to see all the negroes leave the State. The increase in the negro population annually must approximate 30,000, so a large exodus would be required to make itself felt.

AN INTERESTING CASE. One of the most interesting cases on docket at Durham is set for trial Wednesday of next week. It is the case of Fuqua vs. Martin. The plaintiff is a young woman, a mute, who sues the defendant, also a mute, for damages, alleging seduction under promise of marriage. The case will be a hotly contested one. The witnesses in the case are mutes. In many respects it will be a trial in which the lawyers will do all of the talking. Young Martin resided in Durham at one time. He comes from one of the best families in Western North Carolina. He says that the charge brought by the plaintiff is false, and that he will stand his ground and fight the case to a finish. The young woman in the case has resided in Durham for a number of years, and is or has been employed in one of the factories of the city. It has been intimated that this civil action is to be followed by criminal proceedings against the defendant. Unless it is crowded out the case will be called next Wednesday, and will be on trial for several days.

EXHORTER AND MURDERER.

The Superior Court here to-day tried Thomas Jones, the negro "exhorter," who one week ago killed his paramour, Ella Jones, and her 14-year-old daughter and burned their bodies, and also four other children, the youngest his own, in a wild rage because the woman had taken the legal steps to fix upon him the infant's paternity. There was no defense. The evidence was damaging and overwhelming. The judge was urged by the prisoner's counsel not to sentence to death, but to send Jones to the criminal insane department of the penitentiary for life, on the ground that ever since birth he has been without mental capacity and suddenly became a demon in his wild rage.

VICTIM OF MAD DOG.

Miss Annie Stanly, the 17-year-old daughter of R. H. Stanly, who lives at the Battle Ground, was bitten by a mad dog several days ago and was immediately taken to Belain's Creek, where a madstone was applied to the wound. The stone adhered for 31 hours. She has returned home, apparently in good health.

ELIZABETH CITY.

PROPOSED PUBLIC BUILDING—PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 31.—The original appropriation for the public building here was \$50,000. In view of the fact that the cost of building material has increased, the Treasury Department has asked Congress to increase it to \$60,000 for an ordinary structure and to \$83,000 if it shall be decided to construct a fire-proof building. It is stated that the site selected is satisfactory to the Government and that the United States District Attorney

will be instructed to commence condemnation proceedings to acquire title. The method of procedure will be the appointment of a commission or jury by Judge Purnell to assess damages of the property. The amount assessed will be paid by the Government and the money will be held until it is settled to whom it is to be paid. If there is any further contest it will be over the money instead of the real estate. The procedure will enable the Government to begin work on the erection of the public building.

BRIEF MENTION.

The United States steamer Fish Hawk arrived in port yesterday on her way to Baltimore, to undergo repairs. The merchants of Elizabeth City are going to offer a prize of \$50 in gold for a sail race on the Pasquotank river. All shad fishing boats that have been employed this year can enter. There will be no entrance fee charged. The date for sailing will be made known later. Those who attended the Academy of Music last night seemed to be very well pleased with the performance.

Mr. E. N. Belanga has accepted a position with Mr. Mathias Owens, in the furniture business.

AKOSKIE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL NEWS OF INTEREST.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Ahoskie, N. C., March 30.—Dr. Harrell, of Aulander, was in our town this week on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Al. Copeland.

Mr. F. Powell has returned from the North with the largest stock of spring goods he has ever purchased, and the customers are coming. The new hotel being erected by Mr. Jesse Garrett for our friend, Bob Hoggard, is assuming fine proportions.

Mrs. E. F. Drake, of Sunbeam, Va., has been on a visit to her parents, Dr. P. A. Speight, and wife, and it was a highly appreciated visit.

Miss Mary Craig, of Tarboro, is on a visit to friends in our little city. Miss Craig has a number of admirers here, who are always glad to see her.

Owing to the frequent heavy rains, the farmers are thrown badly behind and many of them are despondent.

Mrs. Clarence Branning has returned from a visit to her husband, who is in the hospital in Norfolk for treatment, and we are glad to hear that he is doing well.

Mr. Percy Baker has returned from Baltimore, where he went to purchase goods.

A chair factory would do well in Ahoskie. Labor is cheap, and a plenty of good hard wood and good health and a man with a few dollars could get a start in a short while. If any one is interested let them write to Dr. W. H. Mitchell, at this place.

This town offers fine facilities for a cotton factory, and our people are hoping to see an enterprise of this sort started at no distant day. If Dr. Mitchell, our leading capitalist and by all odds most public-spirited citizen, would lead off, the community would follow.

Mrs. R. D. Cross is on a visit to friends in Windsor, where her husband was once pastor, and where she is very popular, as she is wherever known.

Mrs. James Valentine, of Harrellsville, closed her school last week. It had been a very prosperous session indeed, and she is a very efficient teacher.

Mrs. Cad. Jenkins has returned from Baltimore with a nice line of millinery goods and has gotten in her new store.

Rev. B. W. Spilman, of Raleigh, is in Union holding a Sunday school meeting.

Mr. Wm. Parker, of Murfreesboro, is in the buggy shop of Mr. Will Newsum trimming up some very nice vehicles.

To your correspondent it looks like the double lynching at Emporia is a loud call on the authorities to have all executions public. Let the people see the penalty of the law executed and there will be fewer criminals.

Meherrin Baptist Church, the oldest in this part of the State, and which came so near being burned recently, is being repaired.

OXFORD.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Oxford, N. C., March 30.—The commencement exercises of the Oxford Seminary, which will take place May 12th to 15th, will mark the fiftieth anniversary of this institution and will be a memorable event in Oxford. Rev. W. S. Penick, D. D., of Elizabeth City, will preach the sermon before the Magdalen Missionary Society on Sunday, May 12th. Rev. M. V. Tudor, D. D., of Richmond, Va., the baccalaureate sermon. Colonel A. M. Waddell, of Wilmington, will deliver the address before the Callopan Society. Rev. Thomas E. Skinner, D. D., of Raleigh, and Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., of Henderson, will be the speakers at the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the school. One will speak on "The Early History of the School," the other on "The Influence and Work of the School." There will be a large reunion of the old students of the seminary at this commencement. The occasion will be a great one.

On Saturday the baseball team from the graded school of Durham will play against the second baseball team of Horner Military School, at Horner Park.

EDENTON.

Edenton, N. C., March 31.—Judge A. L. Coble and wife are at the Bay View. Mr. W. W. King and Mr. John Whetstone, of the Norfolk and Southern railroad, are in Edenton on business. Postmaster Brinkley is on the sick list this morning.

Jake Parker, Esq., revenue officer, is in Edenton this morning.

Mrs. White, of Norfolk, is visiting Mrs. T. D. Bynum, on Magnolia street.

Miss Bessie Bynum is at home after several weeks' absence.

"The Hub," one of Norfolk's bustling clothing establishments, will be represented here next week by Mr. Goldsmith, and Mr. Haste, of the firm.

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"I had falling, inflammation and ulceration of the womb; backache, bearing-down pains; was so weak and nervous that I could not do my own work; had sick headache, no appetite, numb spells, hands and feet cold all the time. I had good doctors, but none of them did me any good. Through the advice of a lady friend I began the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after taking one bottle I felt greatly relieved, and by the time I had used several bottles was completely cured, so that I could do my work again. I am now passing through the change of life and using your Compound. It helps me wonderfully. I want every suffering woman to know what your medicine has done for me."—Mrs. W. M. Bull, New Palestine, Mo.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I write to tell you of the benefit I have received from the use of your remedies. Before using them I was feeling very bad. I used to go to the hospital, but it did me no good. Your remedies have done wonders for me."—Cora L. Payton, Ogontz, Pa. Feb. 25, 1899.

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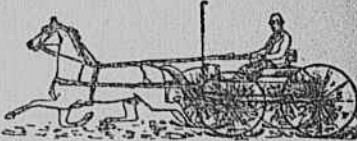
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